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SPANISH COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROPOSALS

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1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INFORMED US THAT THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AS EARLY AS PROMISED A RATING OF THE 52 SPANISH PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH WHICH RESULTED FROM THE FIRST NATION-WIDE SOLICITATION AND WHICH SURVIVED PRELIMINARY SCREENING. THE MINISTRY NOW PROPOSES TO PROVIDE TOGETHER BY JULY 15 A FULL SET OF PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND THE OTHER FOUR AREAS OF ACTIVITY AS WELL (THE LATTER HAD EARLIER BEEN PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER). THIS, IN THE SPANISH VIEW, MIGHT MAKE POSSIBLE AN AGREEMENT ON THE FIRST ANNUAL PROGRAM AS EARLY AS THE FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER.

2. IN THE EMBASSY'S VIEW, IT WOULD BE USEFUL, WITHOUT NECESSARILY WAITING FOR THIS NEXT SPANISH SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS, TO PROVIDE SPANISH AUTHORITIES WITH WASHINGTON REACTIONS TO THE 52 PROPOSALS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION, IN AN EFFORT TO SHAPE COOPERATIVE

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RESEARCH PROGRAMS WHICH WILL MAKE THE BEST POSSIBLE USE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AND WILL ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE TREATY. U.S. INPUT IS MADE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT BY THE LACK OF A STRONG FOREIGN MINISTRY LEAD HERE TO ARBITRATE COMPETING SPANISH AGENCY DESIRES. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE (REF. B), THIS HAS PRODUCED A DECISION TO SEEK A

DIVISION OF FUNDS AMONG AGENCIES ESSENTIALLY BY  
EQUAL PERCENTAGES RATHER THAN ON MERIT OF PROGRAM  
PROPOSALS. STABLER

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